

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 406

By Herron

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Benjamin Milton West,
2001 Valedictorian of Union City High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Milton West is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Benjamin West has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Ben has earned an impressive 4.0 grade point average and membership in the prestigious Beta Club, which he served as Vice President during his Senior Year; and

WHEREAS, A Tornado Pride Honors Participant, Ben received the Presidential Award for Educational Improvement and was voted "Most Intellectual" by his peers; and

WHEREAS, A multi-faceted individual, Ben is a member of the Chamber of Youth in Community Service, the Art Club, the Junior Civitan Club, the UCHS Symphonic Band, and Section Leader of the Pit Percussionists; and

WHEREAS, Keenly interested in politics, he served as Team Leader of a Mock Political Debate regarding the Presidential Election and as a Student Page for Senator Roy Herron; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Central Avenue Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Ben's interests and hobbies include genealogy and reading; and

WHEREAS, Ben's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where he plans to major in Pre-Law; and

WHEREAS, Ben's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dr. Milton West and Paula West, his grandparents, the late LuAnn West, Eugene and Robbie Waggoner, and the late Joyce Waggoner, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ben's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Union City High School Valedictorian, Benjamin Milton West, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.